

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action dated August 30, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over KR '641 in view of Takahashi *et al.* Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over KR '641 as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Tomita. Claims 4 and 6-7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner also objected to the drawings and the specification. Corrected FIGS. 6 and 7 are included with this amendment. The informalities in the specification have also been corrected. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate all the limitations of allowed claims 3 and 4. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 9 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowed claims 3 and 4. Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended to overcome the §112 rejection. This amendment is supported, at least, by paragraph [0040] of the specification.

Furthermore, the Examiner objected to the specification for incorporating essential material by reference to a foreign application or patent. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for noticing a possible error in the incorporation of material into the U.S. specification, however, the Applicants point out that the foreign application incorporated by reference is the foreign priority document for this U.S. application. According to MPEP § 201.13, an “[a]pplicant may incorporate by reference the foreign priority application by including a statement... that such specifically enumerated foreign priority application is ‘hereby incorporated by reference.’” *See* MPEP 201.13 subsection II (G). Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner remove this objection to the specification.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, the Examiner is respectfully asked to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060944-0199).

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings:

Please replace Figures 6 and 7 with the attached amended Figures.